

T-781
Annie Johnson House
Bellevue
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ANNIE JOHNSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-701

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Industrial / Urban Dominance
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
House

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ANNIE JOHNSON HOUSE

and/or common RUSSELLA THOMAS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Gates Street _____ not for publication

city, town Bellevue _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>x</u> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<u>x</u> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>x</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Russella Thomas

street & number Rte 1 Box 84 _____ telephone no.:

city, town Royal Oak _____ state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court _____ liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse _____ folio

city, town Easton _____ state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Survey No. T-781

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Annie Johnson house, currently known as the Russella Thomas house, is a two-story, two-bay frame dwelling that is located on the north side of Gates Street in Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

The c. 1900 two-story, two-bay front block is supported on a minimal brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with asbestos shingles. Covering the medium pitched gable roof is a layer of asphalt shingles. Reported to have been built by moving two existing houses together to create a rear addition, the service wing is a two-part extension of the main house with differing roof slopes and uneven wall surfaces.

The southeast (main) elevation is a two-bay facade covered on the first floor by a shed roofed porch. Sheltered by the porch is a partially glazed side entrance as well as a single-pane sash window. The second floor is lighted by a pair of single-pane sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with slightly extended eaves and sloped soffits.

Rising through the west gable end is an interior end brick stove chimney. The west gable end is a blind wall with a slightly extended eave. The east gable end is finished in a similar fashion.

The north side of the main house is largely covered by the two-story, two-part rear wing. In contrast to the front part of the house, a combination of single-pane and six-over-six sash windows light the first and second floors. An interior end brick brick stack rises through the gable end of the back section.

The interior was not seen.

A wood shingled frame smokehouse stands in the back yard.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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ANNIE JOHNSON HOUSE
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
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ANNIE JOHNSON HOUSE

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

Southwest elevation

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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